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### WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Showers.  
Eastern Oregon—Snow, followed by fair.  
Eastern Washington—Generally fair.

### WHY NOT MAKE ANSWER?

The Portland press takes particular care, in commenting on the recent strictures of this paper, in relation to Portland's hoggish tendencies, not to answer the charges we prefer, but contents itself with a lot of angry and ambiguous thunder, from which it is not possible to deduce a single argument in contravention of all we have claimed. The fact of the business is, Portland, nor its press, has a word of truth to offer in extenuation nor explanation; the story is too old for denial, too long, as to other cities and towns, for any reliable or believable disclaimer. The one, acceptable thing for the metropolis to do, is to mend her ways in this relation and begin a campaign of honest friendliness for the outlying communities and gain for herself the reputation for fairness and squareness that is naturally attributable to a great and potent city, to whose rank and influence every lesser town in the State contributes steadily and largely. We are all proud of Portland, and would yield all that is coming to her, if she should find a way of earning our respect. To do this, she must stow her hammer, and stand pat for the wants and plans and ambitions of the coast and interior communities, and this, irrespective of the share she is certain to have in the fruition of those hopes and successes. That share is inevitable.

### THE DEAD MISSIONARIES.

The news from from China is beginning to take on the old, familiar earmarks of murder and rapine. Six murdered Catholic missionaries constitute the last installment of expressed Chinese hatred, and may warrant the opening wedge for genuine reprisals from this side of the Pacific. A little English child was involved in the massacre and badly wounded. The English authorities have acted with their usual promptitude in such matters, and have directed that an English man-of-war proceed to the scene of the outrage and "investigate" the case. The world knows what that means; but it has all its old-time doubts as to the intentions of this government in the premises, and will probably be allowed to cherish its guesses for the usual year or two, when a money bolus will be applied and the incident be forgotten.

### WILLAMETTE, OR COLUMBIA.

It will probably make all the difference in the world to Portland, which river the Northern Pacific Railroad shall cross in its attempt to enter the metropolis; the fight to prevent it bridging the Willamette may send the Hill line to Caples and St. Helens for an expedient, in which event the long haul on wheat may be a hundred miles longer than Portland cares to contemplate; but which Astoria may consider most gratefully. There are infinite possibilities in a scrap of this sort.

### AHEAD OF TIME.

April seems to thrust herself within the latitude of February, as to time, if one may so conclude from the variable-ness of weather conditions in vogue. Rain, and mist, and hail, and sunshine, warmth and chill, all in a given hour; with constant repetitions throughout the day. It is pleasant, but dubious in a health sense.

### EDITORIAL SALAD.

That a dying man finds nothing to regret often throws less light upon his deeds than upon the standards whereby he measures them.

Again New Yorkers are urged to reform street car manners. But, like the recipe for cooking the hare, first catch the manners.

The President, apparently, is not concerned as to the form the railroad rate legislation takes so long as it is regulation that really regulates.

The government of France announces that it will take its own time in collecting the amount due from Venezuela. It is refreshing to see two nations in such perfect accord.

Free transportation of public officers by railroads in obedience to law would be a great improvement upon the long tolerated habit of giving legislators free passes in violation of the Constitution.

The decision has gone against St. Louis in the matter of the Chicago drainage canal. St. Louis, however, can console herself by reflecting that Chicago also still boils the water.

When President John Mitchell predicts a coal strike on April 1 he undoubtedly allows himself the mental reservations claimed by women and by prophets.

Naturally, Germany finds it somewhat difficult to cultivate the "annaherungs-bestrebungen" with France. The difficulties, moreover, are not all in the matter of pronunciation.

Buffalo demands that the semaphore be set against professional revivalists. Trains without smokers filled with passengers who never dance should be set in on waysidings and the switch locks shut.

With the retirement of General Linvitch, the dismissal of General Batjanoff from the command of the Third Manchurian Army and the recall of General Kuropatkin, it must be painfully evident to readers that in case of a new war in the Far East they will have to learn a new set of Russian names.

Now that a Gotham rag-picker departing has left behind him a fortune of \$45,000, as footprints on the sands of time, it is to be hoped his example will not be mistaken for a point for subordinates. Some of the accumulation was forced on him by inheritance, and some may have been tainted.

The young Settlement worker who thinks the Christian pulpit a "closed shop," and therefore a fair model for labor union exclusiveness, would have a stronger case if the habit of the clergy in this day were to stone all those who sought to do the work of righteousness outside the pulpit.

Virginia has only one Republican congressman, and the legislature is scheming to get rid of him by a gerrymander. Missouri Democrats bunked the Republicans similarly, but suddenly their gerrymander went to smash at the polls, and now they hold the small end of the state's delegation in Congress. The Bourbon range of vision is limited.

About a month ago the governor of Pennsylvania called an extra session of the legislature to consider certain reforms, and the measures desired have already been passed. After sounding Democratic politicians on the party expediency of calling an extra session in Missouri, Governor Folk seems to have laid over the subject indefinitely.

In deciding the suit brought on sanitary grounds by Missouri against Illinois, to prevent Chicago from diverting sewage from Lake Michigan, the natural outlet, to the Illinois and Mississippi rivers, the United States Supreme Court holds that Missouri had not proved its case. The deduction to be made is that the proof would be sufficient ground for the injunction sought. Should disease be traced to the sewage, and the facts established, Chicago will hear again from the Supreme Court. The decision is a warning to it, as well as a momentary relief. Chicago is given no right to poison a river to the proved detriment of any who dwell on its banks or use its waters.

Jerome K. Jerome has come to the profound conclusion that, after all, the American sense of humor is not growing less little but is simply overfed. Which accounts for its appearance at public banquets.

In a speech at a Lincoln dinner in New York General Horace Potter recalled Mr. Lincoln once said it was "a losing game to undertake to shovel fleas across a barnyard." That is sufficiently incisive, and apt to be accepted by history and fill a long-felt want in phrases.

Napoleon Bonaparte married his second wife in Vienna by proxy, and never saw her until he set forth in a carriage after she entered France in a similar vehicle. After Napoleon's fall the same lady married a one-eyed court official. But she had her share of romance.

The London Times recalls that it is not seven years since Castro came down from the Andes at the head of eighty men and overthrew the president of Venezuela. Back in the mountains the folks must have been delighted to get rid of such an expert all-around mischief maker, but nearly all the rest of the earth has been kept in hot water.

On account of wasteful methods with timber in the eastern states it is now profitable to ship lumber from Pacific ports to New York. In December six vessels laden with 8,000,000 feet of lumber cleared from the vicinity of Portland for eastern ports, the voyage around Cape Horn requiring 120 days. The early establishment of an efficient system of forestry would have averted a necessity of this kind. After the remaining forests are slashed down, where is the lumber to come from?

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JAMES WITTHYCOMBE.

### FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republicans.

F. T. WRIGHTMAN.

### FOR STATE PRINTER.

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Albany, Oregon.

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